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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vincenzo Scotto Di Carlo et al.

Applic. No. : 09/538,792

Filed : March 30, 2000

Title : Method for Giving Notification of a Message  
to a Subscriber

Examiner : Joseph T. Phan

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The undersigned V. Scotto Di Carlo and Egon Schulz hereby  
Vincenzo Scotto di Carlo Egon Schulz  
declare(s):

The invention of the above-identified application was "reduced  
to practice" before April 23, 1997.

Enclosed, as corroborating evidence is the Invention

Declaration/Disclosure (*Erfindungsmeldung*) signed by the

Inventors and dated April 24, 1997.

Also enclosed, as corroborating evidence is the [notarized lab notice, etc.] signed by the Inventors and dated

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Vincenzo Scotto di Carlo

Date: 18.11., 2002.  
Nov. 18th

Egon Schulz  
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Date: 28.11., 2002.